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(U) Antelope Valley – Cartel Marijuana Grow Razed in LA County Raid

(U) The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department documented the biggest drug bust in its history yesterday. Just north of Los Angeles in Antelope Valley, officials tracked down, identified, and destroyed 70-to-80 outhouses filled with illegal marijuana plots in the open desert. The department brought in massive bulldozers to raid the scene, completely leveling the illegal grows, and there are reportedly hundreds more to tackle. One tented location was alone appraised at approximately \$50 million worth of product. Sheriff Alex Villanueva has since launched an operation with up to 500 deputies and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to hunt down and destroy other marijuana plantations.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) San Diego – 12 Arrested During Suspect Human Smuggling Attempt

(U) US Border Patrol agents detained 12 people after a suspected smuggling boat came ashore at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park early yesterday morning. A Border Patrol agent spotted the boat off the coast of Point Loma. When the boat made landfall at the park around 4:15 a.m., west of Point Loma Nazarene University, federal agents were waiting on the beach, officials said. Eleven males and one female were detained after the panga came ashore and taken to a Border Patrol station. Their ages weren't immediately released. All 12 were determined to be in the country illegally, officials said.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – US Mandates Body Cameras for Federal Law Enforcement Officers

(U) Washington DC – The Justice Department said Monday it will require agents with the FBI, DEA, US Marshals Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to wear body cameras and activate them when executing arrest or search warrants, or during other pre-planned operations. The heads of those agencies will have 30-days to draft and submit body-camera policies, including how long video footage should be stored and the conditions under which it should be released publicly. Federal law enforcement had been barred from wearing body cameras, even as more local law enforcement requires their officers to wear them. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco announced in a memo that the Justice Department has reversed that policy. Former Attorney General William Barr started loosening the prohibition in 2019, and in October 2020 he started allowing state and local law enforcement to use body cameras when on joint operations with federal agents. Before that, they had to turn off the cameras when working with federal partners.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [The Week](#)

(U) Maryland – 22 Charged for Cocaine Trafficking After Months Long Investigation

(U) Harford County – A multi-month wiretap investigation by the Harford County Narcotics Task Force has led to the indictment of 22 people on state and federal drug charges. The investigation, dubbed "Operation All Aboard," alleges that two Harford residents were responsible for distributing large amounts of cocaine in the county, according to a statement from the task force. Ultimately, 22 people

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were indicted, and more than 2.5-kilograms of cocaine, 66-grams of crack cocaine, 69 fentanyl pills, approximately 435-grams of marijuana, 28 guns, 19 vehicles valued at more than \$258,000, and approximately \$110,000 were seized, according to the task force.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [Tribune Publishing](#)

(U) Minnesota – Man Sentenced for Police Precinct Fire

(U) Minneapolis – The fourth and final man charged with helping to burn down a Minneapolis police precinct during the civil unrest last summer over the death of George Floyd has been sentenced to 27-months in prison and ordered to pay \$12 million in restitution. After he spends the two-years and three-months behind bars, Bryce Michael Williams, 27, of Staples, Minnesota, will serve another two-years of supervised release, the US Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota announced Monday. Williams pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit arson in November 2020.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Pharmacist Sentenced for Tampering with COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

(U) Milwaukee – A Wisconsin pharmacist who attempted to destroy nearly 500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine has been sentenced to three-years in federal prison. Steven Brandenburg, 46, admitted to removing the vaccine vials from a pharmacy refrigerator on two occasions. Brandenburg will then be on federal probation for three-years after his release. Brandenburg entered a guilty plea in February to two counts of attempting to tamper with a consumer product.

SOURCE: 8 June 2021, [ABC 12 WISN](#)

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(U) Spain – Illicit Drug Sales Moved Online During Lockdowns

(U) Madrid – Illegal drug production on European soil increased during the COVID-19 pandemic last year as lockdowns helped move drug sales from streets to encrypted online platforms, according to an analysis of continental drug trends released today. The 2021 European Drug Report says criminal groups also adapted to travel restrictions and border closures by relying less on human couriers and turning instead to shipping containers and commercial supply chains to smuggle illicit substances. The report is produced annually by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction drawing data from the European Union's 27 member countries, Turkey and Norway.

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